#### PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR:

BARRIER RIB MATERIAL FOR PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## ATTN.: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application, please amend the application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) A barrier rib material as claimed in claim 1, wherein: the mass ratio of the glass powder to the filler powder is from 65:35 to 85:15.

#### REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 4 has been amended to avoid the surcharge for a multiple dependency.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to

# the claims. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings

## to Show Changes Made."

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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### IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A barrier rib material <u>as</u> claimed [as] <u>in</u> claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein: the mass ratio of the glass powder to the filler powder is from 65:35 to 85:15.